



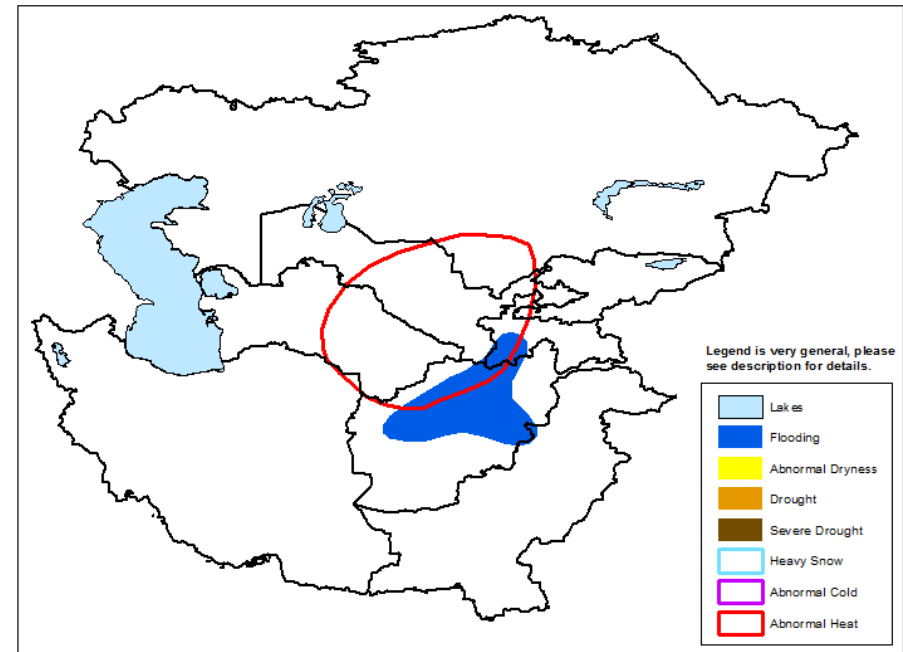
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook April 14 - 20, 2016

Temperatures:

Above-normal temperatures (1 to 8 degrees C) persisted across most of Kazakhstan from April 3 to 9. Temperatures averaged near to slightly below-normal across the remainder of the region. During the next week, an abnormal heat hazard is posted for parts of northern Afghanistan, southern Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan where maximum temperatures are forecast to average more than 8 degrees C above-normal and exceed 30 degrees C.

Precipitation

A relatively wet pattern continued across Central Asia with locally heavy rainfall (more than 25 mm) observed in Afghanistan, southern Kazakhstan, and Tajikistan. The CPC unified gauge analysis indicates that most areas across Central Asia have experienced above-normal precipitation during the past 30 days. Locally heavy precipitation (rain and high-elevation snow) with amounts in excess of 50 mm is likely across Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan during the next week. Heavy rain and recent snow melt increases the risk of flash flooding and river flooding across parts of Afghanistan and Tajikistan.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.